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WE ARE NOT "RED - BAITING"

Viltis is not assuming a state of "red-baiting." I assure you, it is not! We try to report news about Lithuanians and the Balts in general. These people, now under Russian control where Russians are out of control, are subjected to great suffering. Being raped and murdered by Communists, the sufferer does in no way feel any more highly honored than when he was by the Nazis and the agony is no less even tho it is perpetrated by Communists. News will be reported in Viltis concerning happenings in Lithuania, not to pick on the poor helpless Russians, but to give information to our readers, many of whom are American lads and girls of Lithuanian ancestry, who have fought in this war of liberation for all oppressed. It is important news to them; it is, indeed, very unfortunate news for the Balts. You may be sure, to be "liberated" by the Russ and be situated next to Russian territory was a bitter lot.

Once before I have made the statement; had Russia been humane and democratic, Lithuania's inclusion into Soviet States would have been the most wonderful thing all the little countries could wish. But this has not happened. Those who might desire to have special greeting space, that too will be available. One dollar for each 1½ inches of one column width. Also, subscribe Viltis as a Christmas present for your friends. Two dollars a year, or, five dollars for three years of for three subscriptions.

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the Russian yoke. Personally, I don't grasp the gain. Of what benefit is literacy when people are kept in darkness and cannot read anything they want, but may read only what they are told to read? The Japanese claimed the highest literacy in the world, yet all they were fed was Bushido. Germany was considered a highly cultured land; but the Germans were permitted to read "Mein Kampf" or some such Nazi tripe, all other books were burned. Russian literacy is practically of the same caliber. If they don't burn books it is because they do not permit the printing of books that would carry a democratic thought. And with all its literacy, the people in Russia are still misinformed. Was it for this that this war was fought? Is this why millions have lost their lives?

Russia has done many great things. She achieved marvelous strides in the sciences and arts and is a patron in these fields. True, her literacy jumped to great heights. Tho no greater than that of the Balts when they got rid of

NOTICE

I'm planning to have a very large, in fact, the largest issue thus far, of Viltis for Christmas. We would like to make it our pride and joy, however, all that takes money. We, as yet, are not trying to commercialize by taking in ads. For we need all the reading space possible. There is one way to meet the expense—if every one of our readers will send in twenty five cents as a "Christmas Greeting" to our readers, for our readers are all your friends and you are their friend. One page will be set aside bearing the caption "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" and below it will appear the names of all who will contribute. Thus, not only will we exchange our greetings with each other but we will also be able to publish and extra large issue which I hope it will prove to be our "pride and joy."

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strong-arm methods, there will have to be another war and not one of our making. Russia, tho peace (???) reigns, intestifies her military training even to the degree where 14-16 year old kids are given military training. Russia is trying to Sovietize the countries she occupies. One method is the replacing of native populations with Russians, e.g., radio station VILNIUS announced the decorations of "noted Lithuanians" bearing such pure Russian names as Morozov and Karpalov, and Lithuanian youth leaders as Mironcov and Sroll. One hears such names as Baukov, Mitronov and Timofeef! What a tragic-comedy! Are there really no more Lithuanians left that would distinguish themselves by work for their fatherlands? Are there no more Lithuanian youth leaders left? Perhaps not! Anything that had intelligence had to flee the country or else be expatriated to the bitter wastes of Siberia and the Turkoman countries, or simply liquidated in the well known Communist manner. Appeasement brought the last war on us. Appeasement will bring other wars on us.

The Allies won one victory from the Russ when they put their foot down on the Bulgarian elections. In Bulgaria the "Most Democratic Elections" (According to the Russ) were to have taken place on August 27th. Only the Communist party was permitted to place its candidates. The Agrarian and other parties which form the majority, were not permitted to place candidates. "The Most Democratic Elections"! At first, Kimon Georgiev, a former Fascist and now a Communist big shot in Bulgaria (after all, there is little difference between them; one was interested in killing Jews mainly, the other one doesn't give a hoot whom it kills) said that no matter what the Allies say, the "democratic" elections will have to take place. Their "chosen" candidate, Georgii Dimitrov, a former secretary of the "Internacional," was "gracious" enough to give up his Russian citizenship and, via a telegram to inform the "happy" Bulgarians that he "chooses to be elected" with Moscow's blessing. But, Secretary of State Byrnes of the United States and Bevyn of England were adamant and said the equivalent of "nix on such tripe" and in strong language too, and

there were no "Most Democratic Elections." To get elected with Moskow's blessing is to know weeks ahead of time who won and by how many ballots. Thus was it in Lithuania. Here is an excerpt taken from the April 14th issue of The New Leader, not a Faciest paper but the organ of the Labor Party.

"Participation in the elections was compulsory, but all lists of the opposition had been eliminated ...and ...people were compelled to "vote" only the single Communist ticket.

"Soviet soldiers and political agents participated in the campaign and counting of votes—if there were any—was made by imported Bolshevik officials. All polls were destroyed upon completion of the "count." All this did not prevent the Moscow-appointed governments from reporting that 92.9 percent of the Estonian voters, 97.6 in Latvia, and 99.2 in Lithuania had cast their ballots for the Moscow candidates. Clumsily enough, these results were officially announced by the Soviet News Agency in a London Newspaper fully twenty-four hours before the closing of the "polls".

Those that knew me prior to 1936 will remember my tireless fight against the rise of Fascism and my many articles that appeared at a time when many thought Fascism was no danger. The Fascist evil is not yet annihilated. Evil is evil no matter who promulgates it whether Nazi, Communist, Democrat or Republican. We can have peace only when all men are free and when brotherhood is universal. We will have universal brotherhood only when we recognize that every person, regardless of race, creed, color or political outlook has the right to practice his way of life and to express his own point of view, no matter how much it may differ from ours.

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A CUP OF COLD WATER

CLAYTON C. CAMPBELL

There is something beautiful about a cup of cold water. Whether it be drawn from a deep well and poured from the depths of an old wooden bucket or dipped from the thrashing mountain stream racing down steep heights to the sea or even if it be taken from the tap in the modern home, it has within itself the sustenance of life. It has the power to cheer, to soothe and to comfort. It carries within itself relief for the stricken, and new strength for the thirsty.

And yet, its value is a relative matter. What, for instance, would our valiant exhausted soldiers who were forced to surrender at Corregidor have given for even a cup of cold water on that blistering, death-dealing march from Bataan? Or the Marine separated from his group in the towering jungles of the South Sea Islands; could a value of any amount of money be placed on a cup of cold water here? Ask the sailor or coast guardsman, who, his ship having been sent to the bottom, finds life in a rubber boat a thirst-wracked existence—what value would he place on a cup of cold water?

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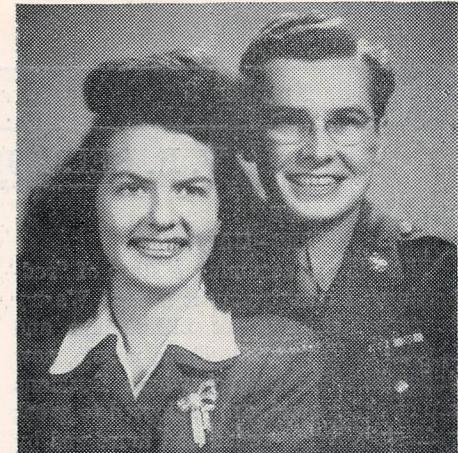
Yet there is more to it than this. America stands today holding in her hand a cup of cold water, and more. She holds a cup of plenty, a cup of co-operation, a cup of international understanding from which all the world may quaff. A cup of peace and mutual helpfulness to build and maintain a better world. Dare we refuse this cup to those who stand in need? Let us, being ever-mindful of Him who said "—a crust of bread or a cup of cold water given in My name"—that is the challenge we dare not ignore. In such helpfulness we shall find joy, and in such service, we shall find our destiny.

KAGAWA ADVICER IN NIPPON

Toyohito Kagawa, internationally known Japanese Christian worker, is one of the five civilians appointed as political advisers to Premier Prince Higashikuni.

Mr. Kagawa, is well known to many of our readers either through his tireless settlement work in Kobe and his words of cheer to the people of the slums in Japan, or through his effort in behalf of the consumers Co-operatives and also through his beautiful and philosophic collection of poetry, Songs from the Slums. His last named collection is a book which every one should own in their library.

OUR LATEST LOVERS



Pfc. Geo. Lavell & Patsie McNamara.

The next wedding of interest for our LYS gang will be that of George Lavell to our own dear Patsie.

Georgie and Patsie were lovers since the day she was born. They were neighbors, and the good book said; Love thy neighbor, so they did; but they didn't know what love was all about. When attending school in the first few primer grades, Geo. (according to Pat's mother) used to hold her hand while crossing the street. Then they grew up and it wasn't nice for boys to hang around with girls so they went to "two different schools together." George went to St. Rita's where he was a perpetual honor student, and Pat, tho a full blooded Irish coleen, went to the Lithuanian Academy for girls of St. Kazimir where she became acquainted with the bunch of girls that became a part of our own group, like my sis Lil, Janie, Josie, etc. All wholesome, grand girls. All belonged to LYS, are Folk Festival vets and good folk dancers. Gosh, I've actually known them some 12 years! Somehow, I had a share in raising them too and I often wonder if I should call them sisters or daughters, but for the later I'm not old enough.

George has been in the Service since Aug. 10th, 1943. For eight months he was in England with the 8th Air Force. The proposal took place during his 30 day furlough and then he was shipped to the Pacific. He prayed hard that he could be back with his Pat again. The war terminated and his ship was returned from mid-ocean. Boy! This is what I call "prayers answered." Now, we too, just as they, are anxious to attend another wedding. They'll make a grand couple, of that we are sure. Luck and love to both of you.